**Refusal of treatment to CGHS beneficiaries**

1355. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many private hospitals refuse to treat CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action to ensure that CGHS beneficiaries are not refused treatment by private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No such instance has been reported.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by each of the private hospital with the CGHS at the time of its empanelment, action leading upto cancellation of their empanelment with the CGHS care be taken.

**Vaccine manufacturing and testing**

†1356. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vaccine manufacturing and testing laboratory is not working upto the mark;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the agency entrusted with the work after doing investigation in the matter; and

(c) the loss caused in the above circumstance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. As per established procedure, each batch of vaccine is tested at Central Drug Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli (HP) before it is marketed in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Leprosy patients**

1357. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation for cured leprosy patients, if so, the details of the projects/schemes in operation; and

(b) what plan does his Ministry has for social and economic rehabilitation for these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Those leprosy cured persons who suffer from not less than 40% disability get benefit under PD Act 1995. The above act does not recognize the diseases but disabilities, which may be caused due to many known and unknown reasons. The above Act is governed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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